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By Senators McAuliffe, Franklin and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the dissemination of information about the
2 involuntary commitment process for persons incapacitated by chemical
3 dependency; amending RCW 70.96A.050; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 70.96A RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The department shall provide the educational materials created
9 under RCW 70.96A.050(5) regarding the involuntary commitment of persons
10 incapacitated by chemical dependency to all public and private
11 agencies, organizations, and individuals that are certified or licensed
12 by the department, or that receive state funds, to perform chemical
13 dependency treatment services.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.96A.050 and 1989 c 270 s 6 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The department shall:

17 (1) Develop, encourage, and foster state-wide, regional, and local
18 plans and programs for the prevention of alcoholism and other drug

1 addiction, treatment of alcoholics and other drug addicts and their
2 families, persons incapacitated by alcohol or other psychoactive
3 chemicals, and intoxicated persons in cooperation with public and
4 private agencies, organizations, and individuals and provide technical
5 assistance and consultation services for these purposes;

6 (2) Coordinate the efforts and enlist the assistance of all public
7 and private agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in
8 prevention of alcoholism and drug addiction, and treatment of
9 alcoholics and other drug addicts and their families, persons
10 incapacitated by alcohol or other psychoactive chemicals, and
11 intoxicated persons;

12 (3) Cooperate with public and private agencies in establishing and
13 conducting programs to provide treatment for alcoholics and other drug
14 addicts and their families, persons incapacitated by alcohol or other
15 psychoactive chemicals, and intoxicated persons who are clients of the
16 correctional system;

17 (4) Cooperate with the superintendent of public instruction, state
18 board of education, schools, police departments, courts, and other
19 public and private agencies, organizations and individuals in
20 establishing programs for the prevention of alcoholism and other drug
21 addiction, treatment of alcoholics or other drug addicts and their
22 families, persons incapacitated by alcohol and other psychoactive
23 chemicals, and intoxicated persons, and preparing curriculum materials
24 thereon for use at all levels of school education;

25 (5) Prepare, publish, evaluate, and disseminate educational
26 materials dealing with the nature and effects of alcohol and other
27 psychoactive chemicals and the consequences of their use. The
28 educational materials shall include a pamphlet explaining the process,
29 procedures, and standards for the involuntary commitment of persons
30 incapacitated by chemical dependency;

31 (6) Develop and implement, as an integral part of treatment
32 programs, an educational program for use in the treatment of alcoholics
33 or other drug addicts, persons incapacitated by alcohol and other
34 psychoactive chemicals, and intoxicated persons, which program shall
35 include the dissemination of information concerning the nature and
36 effects of alcohol and other psychoactive chemicals, the consequences
37 of their use, the principles of recovery, and HIV and AIDS;

1 (7) Organize and foster training programs for persons engaged in
2 treatment of alcoholics or other drug addicts, persons incapacitated by
3 alcohol and other psychoactive chemicals, and intoxicated persons;

4 (8) Sponsor and encourage research into the causes and nature of
5 alcoholism and other drug addiction, treatment of alcoholics and other
6 drug addicts, persons incapacitated by alcohol and other psychoactive
7 chemicals, and intoxicated persons, and serve as a clearing house for
8 information relating to alcoholism or other drug addiction;

9 (9) Specify uniform methods for keeping statistical information by
10 public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals, and
11 collect and make available relevant statistical information, including
12 number of persons treated, frequency of admission and readmission, and
13 frequency and duration of treatment;

14 (10) Advise the governor in the preparation of a comprehensive plan
15 for treatment of alcoholics and other drug addicts, persons
16 incapacitated by alcohol or other psychoactive chemicals, and
17 intoxicated persons for inclusion in the state's comprehensive health
18 plan;

19 (11) Review all state health, welfare, and treatment plans to be
20 submitted for federal funding under federal legislation, and advise the
21 governor on provisions to be included relating to alcoholism and other
22 drug addiction, persons incapacitated by alcohol or other psychoactive
23 chemicals, and intoxicated persons;

24 (12) Assist in the development of, and cooperate with, programs for
25 alcohol and other psychoactive chemical education and treatment for
26 employees of state and local governments and businesses and industries
27 in the state;

28 (13) Use the support and assistance of interested persons in the
29 community to encourage alcoholics and other drug addicts voluntarily to
30 undergo treatment;

31 (14) Cooperate with public and private agencies in establishing and
32 conducting programs designed to deal with the problem of persons
33 operating motor vehicles while intoxicated;

34 (15) Encourage general hospitals and other appropriate health
35 facilities to admit without discrimination alcoholics and other drug
36 addicts, persons incapacitated by alcohol or other psychoactive
37 chemicals, and intoxicated persons and to provide them with adequate
38 and appropriate treatment;

1 (16) Encourage all health and disability insurance programs to
2 include alcoholism and other drug addiction as a covered illness; and
3 (17) Organize and sponsor a state-wide program to help court
4 personnel, including judges, better understand the disease of
5 alcoholism and other drug addiction and the uses of chemical dependency
6 treatment programs.

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